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1. An emergency brigade (Stossbrigade) was recently set up in the Lowa Waggonbau at Goerlitz for the purpose of increasing production in the building of dining cars for through express trains. Its goals are to reduce defects about 30 percent, save 10 percent in material, and raise the production norm five percent. The action was needed, because in 1952, many of the dining cars delivered to Russia were returned as defective after a few kilometers' service. In addition, the plant has to combat great scarcities of material. Plans are made in advance for every square meter of sheet metal on hand. There are special difficulties with the interior fittings of the cars for Russia. The Russians demand above all, paneling with fine wood.
2. The building of eight dining cars is provisionally provided for in 1953. At the present time, rapid service (Schnelltrieb) and motor-rail cars are being built for the Warsaw suburban service of the Polish state railways. The first suburban train will leave the plant on 1 May 1953. The order extends over a period of two years. Two managerial inspection cars are also being built for the Polish railways. A repair train for Russia must be ready to leave the plant by 1 June 1953.
4. In addition to the orders listed above, chassis for caterpillar vehicles are currently being manufactured. Ostensibly they are for tractors, but the dimensions are like those of light tanks.

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